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Louisiana Board of Ethics
P.O. Box 4368
Baton Rouge, LA 70821

Re: Appeal and Request for Waiver of Legislative and Executive Filing
Penalty
January 2022 Lobbyist Expenditure Report

Dear Board of Ethics:

This is submitted in response to the attached letter dated March 3, 2022 assessing a late-filing penalty in the amount of \$150.00 against me for the inadvertent late-filing of my required lobbying expenditure report for the month of January 2022. It is respectfully requested that this penalty be abated based on this instance being the first and only time that my lobbying expenditure report has been filed late. I have been registered as a lobbyist for a period of less than one year and am not presently engaged in any lobbying activity.

More importantly, I had no lobbying activity or expenditures to report for the month of January 2022. In fact, my electronic calendar reflects a filing deadline of the 20th of each month. Due to other deadlines in my law practice at the end of February, I inadvertently failed to timely file this report. I regret being late with the filing of this report and will ensure that all future reports are timely filed.

It is respectfully requested that is penalty in the amount of \$150.00 be waived based on reasonable cause and a lack of any history of late filing. Your consideration of this request is appreciated.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,

Caroline D. Lafourcade
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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

**RE: Legislative and Executive Filing Penalty
January 2022 Lobbyist Expenditure Report**

Dear MS. LAFOURCADE:

Enclosed is an Order of the Louisiana Board of Ethics assessing late fees pursuant to La. R.S. 42:1157, for the late filing of a required lobbying expenditure report. Please submit a check or money order in the amount of \$150 payable to the Treasurer of the State of Louisiana to Post Office Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821.

You have 20 days from receipt of this letter to dispute these assessments. You may elect to do either or both of the following:

1. You may submit your request for a waiver to the attention of the Louisiana Board of Ethics.

Waivers are handled by the Ethics Board. The Board of Ethics may reduce, suspend, or decline to waive a late fee assessment based on the cause shown by the lobbyist. If you submit a request for a waiver of the late fee to the Board of Ethics, your request should contain details as to why, in your opinion, you have good cause why your report was not timely filed. Also, if you would like to appear before the Board of Ethics in connection with your request, you should state that in your letter. The request should be submitted to the attention of the Board of Ethics at the following address: P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

2. You may appeal the assessments directly to the Ethics Adjudicatory Board (EAB).

Appeals to the EAB are proceedings before a three judge panel. **Mitigating factors are not considered during an EAB proceeding. The EAB does not have the authority to reduce, suspend, or waive a late fee assessment.** If you choose to appeal the assessment to the EAB, you should submit your request for an appeal to the attention of the Executive Secretary of the Louisiana Board of Ethics at P. O. Box 4368, Baton Rouge, LA 70821 or fax at (225) 381-7271.

If you timely submit a waiver request or appeal, your name will not be posted on the website pending the result of your appeal. Furthermore, if you request an appearance, you will be notified of the place and time prior to the meeting.

If you do not **pay or dispute** the assessment of the late fee within 20 days from the receipt of this letter, our office will forward the Order to the Attorney General's Office to institute collection proceedings. If a lawsuit is required to be filed, you will be responsible for all additional costs incurred. Please be advised that court costs can range from \$400-\$500.

Sincerely,
LOUISIANA BOARD OF ETHICS

Andrea Millet

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
BOARD OF ETHICS**

**In Re: Legislative and Executive Filing Penalty
 January 2022 Lobbyist Expenditure Report**

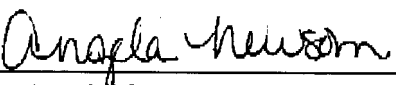
ORDER

CAROLINE DEVEREAUX LAFOURCADE, in his/her capacity as a lobbyist, registered with the Louisiana Board of Ethics for the year of 2022. Pursuant to La. R.S. 24:55 and La. R.S. 49:76, MS. LAFOURCADE was required to file the Legislative and Executive lobbyist expenditure report, for the month of January on or before February 25, 2022. CAROLINE DEVEREAUX LAFOURCADE filed the Legislative and Executive expenditure report on February 28, 2022.

In accordance with La. R.S. 24:58D(1) and La. R.S. 49:78D(1) an automatic late fee of \$50 per day has been assessed against CAROLINE DEVEREAUX LAFOURCADE for the late filing of the report.

Accordingly, **IT IS ORDERED** that a late fee of \$150 is assessed against CAROLINE DEVEREAUX LAFOURCADE for failure to timely file the January 2022 Legislative and Executive lobbyist expenditure report.

ORDER signed on the 3rd day of March 2022 at Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Angela Newsom, Director
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